

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Hefner and the other members who have supported the amendments, as I indicated, and as they have indicated, the amendments represent many, many hours of diligent work on the part of the legislators involved and their staff, and other persons in the Executive Department, Mr. Grams and the Governor's Office, and I believe that we have made a significant improvement in the statute, and more than that, I believe we have learned something perhaps through this bill, and that is that we research very diligently and thoroughly any type of a program which requires this type of action because it is easy to get into and it is easy to abdicate a responsibility, and then all of sudden wish you had not done so, and I think that we have made the best of a tough situation, and certainly, as I said, I believe that the experience will be helpful to us, not only in the area of waste control and natural resources, but in many other areas of state government. Mr. President, I move that the amendments be adopted.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments are adopted. Back to the bill, 426 as amended. Senator Scofield, any comments?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: The bill essentially becomes the amendments as they were explained by Senator Schmit. I think as he has pointed out that we are dealing with this very difficult issue in the best way we can right now. I would urge your support of the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion on the advancement of the bill? If not, the question is, shall LB 426 be advanced to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 426 is advanced to E & R. I would like to take a moment to announce that Senator Moore has some guests in the north balcony, some fourth grade students from Lincoln Elementary School in York, Nebraska, with their teacher. Would